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STATE FAIR SCHEDULED FOR WEEK OF SEPT. 12-17

Board of Agriculture Accepts Propositions of Various Business Associations.

The much-mooted question of whether Indiana should hold a state fair this year, in view of the competition arising from the world's fair, was decided yesterday at noon by the State Board of Agriculture voting to hold the fair during the week of Sept. 12-17. The board was influenced in its action by the guarantee given by the Commercial Club, the Hotel Keepers' Association, the different traction companies and the Merchants' Association.

After the board had come to its decision it began immediately to revise the premium lists and arranging for the fair. E. H. Reed, of New Castle, was appointed superintendent of the exhibit, and E. W. Winchester, of Frankfort, was reappointed custodian. The board expects to make the fair this year one of the best in the history of the State. With the support promised by the city it is believed the fair can be made to pay a margin above expenses. The board will leave no stone unturned in its work of preparing for the fair. As large premiums as have ever been offered will tend to bring the best exhibits to the fair.

The support promised by the associations mentioned above is satisfactory to the board. The Merchants' Association guarantees to sell 5,000 tickets, the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal Company promised to donate \$5,000 in case there should be a deficit. The Hotel Keepers' Association has guaranteed to take 2,000 tickets, while the Commercial Club has given the project its hearty support.

Mrs. Joseph Parlette Dead.
Mrs. Joseph Parlette died Wednesday evening at her home, 625 East Eleventh street, of apoplexy. Mrs. Parlette was born seventy-four years ago yesterday near Cincinnati and was of French parentage. She had lived in Indianapolis since 1858. Her husband was a confectioner and caterer of the early days and made the first ice cream ever made in Indianapolis. He is eighty-four years of age and still enjoys very good health. Mrs. Parlette was a member of the French American Society. She came to this country from France. Mrs. Parlette suffered a stroke of apoplexy last July and the fatal stroke came Wednesday night. Four children survive: William, Kate and Augusta, of this city, and Mrs. Frank Meyers, of Anderson. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CAMPBELL'S VALUABLES FOUND ON A TRAIN

G. C. Campbell, the St. Louis broker who on Jan. 25 lost a value containing \$19,000 worth of nonnegotiable notes, \$4,500 worth of copper stock and other valuable papers on a "Big Four" train en route from Cincinnati to St. Louis, has been notified that the bag and contents have been found. The information was received from C. E. Rife, of Cincinnati, superintendent of the dining car service of the Big Four road.

New Plumes, 116 and 118 W. Wacker's.

NEW SOCIETY STANDS FOR BEAUTY OF CITY

Civic Improvement Association's Bridge Committee Submits Report.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE.
Ornamental Structures and Fall Creek Driveway Among the Recommendations.

The Civic Improvement Association has begun an active campaign for the beautifying of the city in the way of ornamental bridges. Yesterday the association's committee on bridges submitted a report declaring that now is the accepted time to begin a long-needed work in this direction. It is cited in the report that the present necessity for a wholesale renewal of the bridges of the city affords an excellent opportunity to ornament the city in this particular. The committee insists that with as many streams as run through Indianapolis the bridges could be made one of its chief attractions and at very little additional cost. The report insists, however, on consistency in the work. That only one of two of these structures should be built would be like the erection of one good home in the midst of a slum district. A plan covering the entire bridge system of the city is advocated, everything to show that the bridges are a part of an artistic whole, and not accidental structures.

Along with building of bridges is considered the building of a driveway on the banks of White river and Fall creek. This feature is insisted upon as much as the bridge building itself. Other cities are cited where this plan of parkways has been followed, which greatly added to the beauty of the watercourses.

PARKWAY PLAN.
It is suggested by some that the parkway should begin along Fall creek at Indiana avenue and run through to the army post. To do this it would be necessary to wall the waterways to prevent the washing away of the banks. It will also be necessary to buy tracts of land along the water course, and the sooner this is begun the cheaper it can be purchased, as the price of city property is constantly increasing.

Another argument offered in favor of the driveway is that economy could be practiced by walling in the river, which would prevent the washing away of the lands and the filling in of low places with undesirable debris. Should the driveway be built an impediment would be encountered at College avenue where a new bridge is in course of construction. On the north side of Fall creek it has been necessary to do considerable filling in and if completed according to the original designs the filling in would completely block the route of the driveway and make it necessary to leave the watercourse and take a roundabout way of several squares up College avenue. This impediment was pointed out yesterday morning and a suggestion was offered by County Commissioner McGregor that instead of filling up to the specified point an additional bridge span would allow the park road to pass under the arch.

QUESTION OF EXPENSE.
The expense of this additional span is the question that is now presenting itself to the Civic Association. Mr. McGregor said last night that the completion of the new bridge without any additional cost would consume all of the appropriation made for it. It was believed by some that the Park Board would be willing to stand a great part of the cost of the new arch, since to break away from the creek members of the board affirm, would be to destroy the beauty of the proposed scheme. It is believed that all parties concerned in the construction of the bridge would be willing to make the change from the original specifications if plans could be determined upon to raise the funds for making the change. Mr. McGregor said last night that "should the bridge be built in the manner of the original design, the matter of the additional expense entailed in building the arch bridge is not object to the proposed plan of an additional bridge which would mean a saving of expense to them."

MORE ADVICE FOR BOYS OF THE FARM

Further discussion of the subject of the boy and the farm is given in the February bulletin of the Department of Public Instruction. The discussion is along the line of the preceding advice given to teachers to urge the pupils to stay in the country where opportunities are as great as in the city.

The bulletin says: "If a young man really believes that he will have better opportunities for himself and what he would do for humanity by going to the city, he should go. He can succeed, as scores of those who have come to the city are succeeding. But if he is not sure, if he is uncertain as to whether he can succeed, if he is just as much as any work he will find to do."

MRS. MARY HOCKRIDGE DIES AT THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Mary Hockridge, the old lady who was seriously burned last Tuesday afternoon, died at the City Hospital yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The hospital authorities had no hopes of her recovery from the burns which she received. Mrs. Hockridge's daughter who was badly burned in attempting to save her mother, is getting along very nicely.

INSPECTOR IS ABASHED IN PRESENCE OF SMOKE

Mr. Stanley Almost Persuaded that None of the Devices Is a Howling Success.

Building Inspector Stanley continues to devote a part of his time to the consideration of the smoke question, and has visited several more manufacturing plants in an effort to discover what smoke consuming devices are in practical operation in the city. He has so far found but one or two so-called smoke-consuming devices that are what they are claimed to be, and feels that he is not much nearer a solution of the smoke problem than he was before he began his investigations.

Among the plants visited yesterday was that of the Home Heating and Lighting Company, at Sixteenth and Alabama streets. Here he found four Roney automatic smokers and three Detroit overhead feeders in use, but stated that he could not say that they did any appreciable good in diminishing the volume of smoke from the furnaces. He said that an immense volume of smoke pours from the stack almost constantly, and the neighborhood is black with soot. J. F. Wild, secretary and treasurer of the company, stated to Mr. Stanley that the company had spent a good deal of money on smoke-consuming devices, but had found none of them a complete success. Those now in use, he said, were about as good as any they were able to find.

The Ballard creamery, at College avenue and Sixteenth street, formerly used an American automatic stoker, but has abandoned its use. There is now in use a "Caldwell" smokeless furnace, which is only partially successful as a smoke abductor. The same type of furnace is in use at Tomlinson Hill and the engineer of the building told Mr. Stanley that he thought it not a success in dealing with the smoke question. The building inspector intends to continue his investigations and will visit other plants in the city that turn a large amount of smoke.



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MRS. THERESA MUELLER CARRIES OUT HER THREAT

In Plain View of Her Husband She Kills Herself with a Revolver.

HAD BEEN IN BAD HEALTH

Dependent as the result of continued ill-health, Mrs. Theresa Mueller, twenty-nine years old, committed suicide yesterday morning at her home, 144 Nebraska street. The woman used a .44-caliber revolver, and the entire top of her head was blown off by the bullet. She was the wife of George Mueller, proprietor of a cigar store on Ohio street, near Illinois.

Ever since the birth of her child, about two years ago, the woman had been in bad health, and several times she threatened to kill herself, but little attention was paid to her statements. While at the breakfast table yesterday morning she acted so strangely that when she rose and left the room her mother, Mrs. Anselm, told the husband that she was in charge. The woman went directly from the dining room to the room occupied by herself and husband. In the room Mueller kept the revolver which the woman used to take her life. As the woman's mother followed her, but was too late to prevent the rash deed, she mounted the stairs to the second floor. The woman said to her mother: "I am going to kill myself." The next minute the almost frenzied husband saw the woman press the revolver to her temple, and pulling the trigger, fall heavily to the floor.

When Mueller reached the side of the body a pool of blood had already formed on the floor. With the upper portion of the head shot entirely away, the body was ghastly sight. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed yesterday afternoon.

OATS USED BY CITY MUST BE HIGH GRADE

One suit against the city for damages on the oats question is enough at a time, in the opinion of City Controller Dunn, and he has taken steps to prevent another.

William Rouse & Son now have a suit pending against the city for payment for oats sold under contract. City Controller Dunn declared the oats inferior to the contract and refused to pay for them. The suit followed. Cooper & Oddy were recently given the contract for more oats for the city and the city fire departments by the Board of Safety.

"I made up my mind," said Mr. Dunn yesterday afternoon, "to see to it that hereafter furnished the city is up to the contract, so I sent out to ten of the fire houses to have the oats furnished by Cooper & Oddy examined. I found them all right."

It therefore follows that Cooper & Oddy will receive their pay from the city and Controller Dunn will not have another suit on his hands.

WOODEN BRIDGE READY FOR VEHICLES TO-DAY

Residents of West Washington Street District Will at Last Be Thankful.

A way for vehicles to cross the river at Washington street will finally be made today, when repairs to the old wooden bridge at that point will be completed. The problem of getting to the west side of the river at Washington street will then be solved for both street cars and vehicles, the former crossing by the temporary track laid on the new iron bridge and the latter by the rehabilitated wooden bridge.

The opening of the old bridge will ease the minds of thousands of people who live in the West Washington-street district and at Mt. Jackson, and will bring relief as well to the minds of the managers of the Insane Hospital. So long as it was impossible for vehicles to cross the river at Washington street the danger from fire to this entire district was very great, for in the event of a serious blaze, the companies on the west side of the river would have been utterly inadequate to cope with the fire. The work has been done by the long detour to the Tenth-street bridge or the River-avenue bridge, and it has been but a few days since the latter bridge was in disuse. In the event of a fire at the Insane Hospital the chances on the total destruction of the institution would have been ten to one.

Visits Manual Training School.
Miss Shaw, who, as a representative of the World's Work, has been touring the country and examining the different school systems, accounts of which she has already published in that magazine, visited the Manual Training High School yesterday afternoon. When she left New York her ideas regarding a training school were extremely vague and she has therefore given special attention to this line of work. She warmly complimented the school orchestra, which was holding its weekly rehearsals at the time.

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PLANS FOR PARRY AVENUE READY FOR WORKS BOARD

West Side Improvement That Will Cost in the Aggregate Sixty Thousand Dollars.

ALL INTERESTS AGREED

City Engineer Jeup has prepared plans and specifications for Parry avenue, the new thoroughfare which will skirt the river on the west side, between Washington street and Oliver avenue, passing fourteen feet under the tracks of the Big Four and Vandallia lines. The same specifications provide for a levee at the river's edge along the whole route of the new street, the levee to be ten feet wide at the top and 22 feet above high-water mark at Washington street. The street is to be gravelled, with a cement walk on the river side and a gravel walk on the west side.

The plans and specifications will go to the Board of Works this morning, along with the resolution to be passed by the board embodying the improvement. The board document is one of the longest the board has considered, as it is at the same time a declaratory resolution, condemning the land to be used for the levee and the street, and an improvement resolution providing for the construction of the levee and the street. It is estimated that the total cost of the improvement will be about \$60,000.

The resolution to be considered by the board is the result of the efforts of the West Side real-estate men and manufacturers, who have labored for years to find some way to get a roadway to the southwest part of the city without crossing at grade the dangerous network of railroad tracks that covers parts of that section of the city. The various interests involved reached an agreement within the last month or two, and the papers prepared by the Board of Works by the engineer embody the plans agreed upon by these interests.

SONG SERVICE AT THE JEWISH TEMPLE

A song service will be held this evening at the Jewish Temple under the direction of John Lipman. Leo B. Riggs will preside at the organ and the vocal soloists will be Mrs. Josephine Bremmerman Edmunds, Mrs. Gertrude Fugate, Edward Taylor, William Morrison and Oliver Isensee. The programme will be the following:

Organ Solo—"In Paradisum".....Dubois
Quartet—"Lift Up Your Heads".....Greene
Alto Solo—"Thou Holy Spirit".....Buck
Quartet—"Lord in Thy Holy Temple".....
Bass Solo—"The Lord is God".....Loring
William Morrison.
Quartet—"We Need Not Fear".....Macy
Quartet—"High Unto Heaven".....Nicola

INDIANA INCORPORATORS OF GOLD MINING COMPANY

It Has a Capital of \$300,000, and Will Operate in Brown County and Elsewhere.

The Gold Creek Mining Company filed articles of incorporation yesterday with the secretary of state. The company is one of the largest mining corporations of the State, and is formed for the purpose of carrying on mining industry throughout the State, and especially in Brown county. The company is capitalized at \$300,000, and is represented on its board of directors by two Indianapolis men, Henry C. Churchman and Ernest L. Lewis. The other directors are Robert L. Royce, Edwin L. Brown and Roy L. McNair, of Martinsville. The office of the company is located at Martinsville, from which place its operations will be carried on.

George F. McCulloch, George A. McClelland and Earl Martin yesterday incorporated the Muncie Star Company, which is engaged in publishing a newspaper and printing and selling books, pamphlets, etc. The capital stock of the company is \$250,000. To maintain a line of business, the company is selling candy and confectionery goods. The Kokomo Candy Company incorporated yesterday, and the company is engaged in the manufacture of roofing material, has been incorporated. Peter Emrich, Louis Daus and J. Will Gleichman comprise the board of directors. The office of the company is at Evansville.

Loss Jobs for a Time.
Thirteen unlucky rodmen, chalmers and inspectors in the employ of the city engineer's office were laid off indefinitely yesterday because the snow-covered and frozen ground offers no field for their work. When the weather moderates sufficiently for them to begin work again they will emerge from their temporary retirement.

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SCHOOLBOOK CONTRACT IS NOT YET AWARDED

Board of Education Spends the Day Considering All Phases of the Question.

Over twenty agents of publishing houses, present all of yesterday morning at the office of the superintendent of public instruction, awaiting the decision of the State Board of Education in granting the contract for the readers, arithmetics and copy books for the State during the next five years, are still in suspense. The board adjourned last night at 5 o'clock to meet again this morning, when it will probably name the successful bidder.

JANUARY REPORT OF LOCAL POSTOFFICE

Postmaster McGinnis has made his report for the month of January, and, as compared with the report for the same month last year, a decided increase is noticed in the handling of mail matter. In the month just closed the amount of first-class mail matter handled was 7,181,750 pieces, an increase over the same month of last year of 1,158,844. The number of all other pieces of mail matter handled was 2,753,300, an increase of 743,400. The total of all mail that went through the local post office in January was 10,935,050 pieces, an increase over last year of 1,902,244. The total number of fully made up sacks (sacks that are sent in by publishers) was 12,088, an increase of 4,455.

In what is known as the cash examination taken by the thirty-seven clerks of the office five made a percentage of 100, twenty-five of 90, seven of 85 and one of 96 per cent.

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